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SUBJ: APPROACH TO ALBANIAN EMBASSY

REF: A. STATE 276999. B. PARIS 31309.

1. EMBASSY PERCEIVES DISTINCT ADVANTAGES FROM POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE IN USING OPPORTUNITY OFFERED REFTEL A TO MAKE FIRST, ALBEIT PURELY TECHNICAL CONTACT WITH ALBANIAN EMBASSY IN PARIS IN MANY YEARS. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE FROM PREVIOUS REPORTING (I.E., PARIS REFTEL B), ALBANIANS IN PARIS ARE EXTREMELY RETICENT AND INACTIVE, TO EXTENT OF AVOIDING EVEN SOCIAL CONTACTS, EVEN OF TECHNICAL NATURE, IN RECENT PAST.

2. NEVERTHELESS, CHANGING SITUATION IN ALBANIA, DELICATE ALBANIAN FEELERS RECENTLY EXTENDED TO FRENCH (REFTEL B, PARA 1 AND 8) SUGGESTING INTEREST IN GRADUALLY EXTENDING SMALL OPENING TOWARD THE WEST, AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT WE OURSELVES MAY IN TIME WISH TO COMMENCE A SOMEWHAT MORE SUBSTANTIVE EXCHANGE WITH ALBANIANS, PERHAPS HERE IN PARIS, ALL SUGGEST UTILITY OF SOME VERY INFORMAL, LOW-KEY CONTACTS HERE. CASE AT HAND PROVIDES FIRST SUCH OPPORTUNITY. EMBASSY OFFICER THEREFORE PLANS TO TRY TO MAKE THIS APPROACH EARLY NEXT WEEK AS INSTRUCTED. ANY ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENT THOUGHTS ON TONE AND CONTENT SHOULD THEREFORE REACH US BY WEEKEND.

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